

radiant receptacles and showerers of rain
stand severally in their three spheres.¹

3. I invoke the divine and bright ADITI
at dawn,
and at mid-day, when the sun is high: I worship
you,
MITRA and VARDNA, at all seasons, for the sake of
riches, for sons and grandsons, for prosperity
and
happiness.²

4. I worship you two, divine ADITYA.S,
who, are
upholders of the celestial and terrestrial worlds :
the
immortal gods impair not, MITRA and VARUNA, your
eternal works.

SUKTA XIV. (LXX.)

The deities and *Ritki* as before; the metre is
Gdyatri.

arga vin. 1. May I, MITRA and VARUNA, enjoy
your favour,
through which there is assuredly protection.

2. Benignant (deities), may we obtain
from you,
(who are) such (deities), food for our
sustenance:

•may we, EUDRAS, be yours.

5. Protect us with your protections :
preserve us
with kind preservation : may we, with our
descendants,
overcome the *Dasyus*?

6. Workers of wondrous deeds, let us*
not depend
upon the bounty of any other (than you), either
in
our persons, or with our sons and grandsons.

XV. (LXXI.)

The deities and metre as before ; the *Riski* is B!
HUVHIKTA.

1. MITRA and VARUNA, scatterers of foes,
destroyers
of enemies, come to this our accessible
sacrifice.

¹ *Agni*, *Vdyu*, and *Aditya*, present, severally, upon
the earth,
in the mid-air, and in heaven.

² The text is *tan yoh*, -which is explained
arishtasa mandya, -
mlthasya misrandya cka, for the alleviation or
prevention of
calamity, and for the mixture or association of
happiness.

³ *Sdma-Vcda*, n. 335-337.